the Directorate in case where such relaxation is warranted by special circumstances which should be clearly explained while submitting a proposal.

1.3 Anticipated Income:

(a) *In Normal Areas:*

The minimum anticipated revenue will be $33^{1}/_{3}$% of te cost.

(b) *In Hilly, Tribal, Desert and Inaccessible Areas:*

The minimum anticipated income will be 15% of the cost.

2. Criteria for upgrading/opening Department Sub Post Officces:

(a) *In Rural Areas:*

The minimum work load of the Extra Department Branch Post Office, proposed to be upgraded, should be five hours per day. The permissible limit of annual loss is Rs. 2400/- in Normal Rural Areas and Rs. 4800/- in Tribal and Hilly areas.

Waiting List for Telephone Connections in Faridabad

4527. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the waiting list for telephone connections in Faridabad in general and Sehatpur, Saraswati colony in particular under Faridabad telecom circle;

(b) whether any plan had been chalked out to allot telephone connections in a time-bound manner for the above wait-listed consumers;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) The waiting list in Faridabad town as on 30.4.2002 is 2203 and in Saraswati Colony, Sehatpur the waiting list is 7.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. Switching capacity of 36370 wired lines and 3750 Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) lines are planned in Faridabad town during 2002-03 to provide telephone connections to waitlisted applicants. The seven (7) waitlisted applicants of Sehatpur, Saraswati Colony are likely to be provided telephone connections in the month of June, 2002.

(d) Does not arise in view of (b) and (c) above.

Expenditure on Publicity and Gifts by MTNL

†4528. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of money spent on publicity and gifts by the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd. from the 1st April, 2001 till date; and

(b) the steps being taken by the Government to stop extravagance in the Nigam?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) Amounts of money (in Rs.) spent by MTNL from 1.4.2001 till date are as follows:

	Delhi	Mumbai	Corporate Office
Expenditure on publicity	9,64,92,371/-	8,44,50,226/-	1,62,91,559/-
Gifts	9,51,000/-	30,775/-	5,52,984/-

(b) Budget allocation for the required expenditure under the various heads is made and the same is monitored regularly for optimum utilization of the allotted funds.

Vehicles under MTNL

†4529. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.